



LUMPKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

AFTER ACTION REPORT (AAR)

Subject: Gold Rush 2009

Executive Summary

Gold Rush was held on October 17th and 18th, 2009. This year was the first year that the roads on the Square were closed from Friday night, starting at 6 pm, to Sunday at 6 pm. Saturday briefing was held at the Sheriff's Office at 7 am. Sunday briefing was held at the Sheriff's Office at 8 am. The time on the parade was changed to 3 pm. A meeting was held on Thursday, October 15, 2009, for Department Heads to discuss the planned activity of Gold Rush.

Exercise Overview

There are some changes this year from prior years:

1. Georgia State Patrol did not arrive until 10:30 on Saturday and 11:30 on Sunday
2. The Command Post was a fully functional operation center
3. All radio traffic went to the Command Post on Channel 4

The following are the Departments, number of personnel and contacts who worked Gold Rush

LUMPKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SCOTT MARTIN
SAT 24 DEPUTIES	
SUN 20 DEPUTIES	
GEORGIA STATE PATROL	DOUG WILSON
SAT 10 OFFICERS 10:30 TO 18:00	
SUN 10 OFFICERS 11:30 TO 18:00	
NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE POLICE DEPT.	MIKE STAPELTON
SAT 4 OFFICERS	
SUN 4 OFFICERS	
LUMPKIN COUNTY FIRE DEPT.	ED EGGERT
SAT 4 EMT ON BIKES	GATOR
SUN 3 EMT ON BIKES	GATOR
LUMPKIN COUNTY DISPATCH	DON SEABOLT
COMMAND POST: WELCOME CENTER @ PARKS ST.	
SAT 1 DISPATCHER	
SUN 1 DISPATCHER	
CASB	DAN HARDING
SAT 7 09:30 TO 18:00	
SUN 7 10:30 TO 17:00	

Exercise Goals & Objectives

The goal and objective is to provide a safe event for the vendors, merchants around the Square, and the attendees of the festival.

Exercise Event Synopsis

All Divisions had personnel working both days. Saturday the weather was cold and lightly raining up to mid morning. All personnel were on their post at 7:45 am, there were 3 traffic control locations (Wimpy Mill, Sunset and Hill St.), plain clothes and uniformed Deputies walking on the Square, bike teams and 1 Deputy at the Detention Center

On Sunday, the weather was cold and windy. All locations were the same as Saturday. The booths closed at 6 pm and the Square reopened to traffic at 6 pm.

Both bike teams (law enforcement and medic) are a valuable tool to have to move quickly around the Square area.

Analysis of mission Outcomes

The parade lined up and started in front of the Sheriff's Office. This caused a lot of congestion around the Sheriff's Office. There was also a large crowd between the SO and the Square which caused safety issues for spectators. During the parade the cars were hot-rodding and not staying close to the vehicle in front of them which caused safety concerns to the spectators.

The roads on the Square reopened at closing time on Sunday, which was 6 pm. This was an issue with the vendors breaking down and thru traffic trying to get around the Square.

Incidents that happened during Gold Rush:

1. 0910154 Theft by taking, Shoplifting arrest made
2. 0910157 Public Drunk arrest made
3. 0910168 Shoplifting
4. 0910169 Theft by taking

Conclusion

The cost in personnel at time and a half for the Sheriff's Office, not including the Command Staff (Sheriff Jarrard, Major Ramsey, Capt. Martin, Capt, Salain, Lt. Brown), was estimated at \$10,287.03 which equals 488 manhours.

Recommendations for 2010 Gold Rush:

1. Keep the streets around the Square closed until 8 pm.
 - This will allow 2 hours for the vendors to remove merchandise and tents from the streets without thru traffic disrupting the break-down process.
2. Change the starting point of the parade to alleviate congestion around the Sheriff's Office in case of an emergency, and the congestion on the streets between the SO and Square.
 - Evaluate the starting point at the middle school or on Sunset at the Physical Plant.
3. Detention Center personnel did not have all the necessary equipment (rain gear, traffic vest and head gear) to work at Posts where no cover exists.
 - Have extra equipment that can be issued out.
4. Close Choice Ave around the restroom area.
5. Have the Deputies along the parade route to view the cars in the parade to insure the safety of the spectators.
 - Deputies and CASB members along the route.
6. Have a location that all lost and found items are taken to.
 - Have jay cees establish a location.
7. All personnel use clear text on the radio and a stronger radio channel.

Capt. Scott Martin 11/04/09